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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2600**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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INSTANTANEOUS SIGNAL-TO-NOISE  
RATIO AS THE PRINCIPAL QUANTITY  
FOR OPTIMAL ESTIMATION

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

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